Payment of rent by IA

5887. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines has been paying huge rent for the premises in the vicinity of Cannaught Palce, New Delhi which is not in use since 1992;

(b) if so, what is the monthly rent of the premises stating the reasons for paying exorbitant rent without using it;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to gainfully utilise the premises; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Indian Airlines has been paying a rent of Rs. 2.66 lakhs per month for the premises. The operation of Indian Airlines Booking Office in Kanchanjunga had to be suspended consequent to a fire incident in June, 1992 after which the fire authorities sealed the building. After a fresh look on the requirement of space in Delhi, Indian Airlines does not propose to renew the lease. Indian Airlines could not take an early decision to vacate the premises as several procedural formalities were needed to be observed.

Arrangement with ITDC hotels r Tourist Promotion by AI and IA

5888. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the newsitem which appeared in the 'Telegraph' of April 12, 1994 regarding Air India, Indian Airlines arrangements with ITDC hotels for tourism promotion; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith similar arrangements made by Government sector and private sector airlines to promote Tourism and woo passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Air India offers the following incentives:

(a) First Class and Executive Class passengers flying into India on Air India can avail upto 24 hours free stay at any ITDC hotel of their choice. A special discounted room rate is offered to the passengers if they wish to extend their stay beyond 24 hours.

(b) Passengers flying into India on Air India and transiting Bombay or Delhi to destinations within India or other destinations outside India on Air India are offered up to 24 hours complimentary stay in Centaur Hotel, Bombay or Delhi.

(c) First Class and Executive Class Air India passengers originating their journey Ex-USA, Europe and Japan for the period April-September, 1994 are also offered:—

(1) One free round trip ticket in Economy Class for travel on specified Indian Airlines sectors of interest so tourists.

(2) 30% discount on the Dollar fare for additional travel on the above specified sectors of Indian Airlines in economy and 'J' Class.

(ii) Indian Airlines offers the following incentives:

Indian Airlines passengers are entitled to a 15% discount on the published room tariff at all ITDC